



Sharing warmth one coat at a time

Making the Most of Your Partnership with One Warm Coat

# **Today's Presenters**







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Submit your questions at any time through the webinar using the Q&A button!





#### **One Warm Coat's Mission Statement**

One Warm Coat provides free coats to children and adults in need while promoting volunteerism and environmental sustainability.

Since 1992, One Warm Coat has supported over **40,000 coat drives** and facilitated the collection and distribution of more than **6.9** million coats across all 50 states.











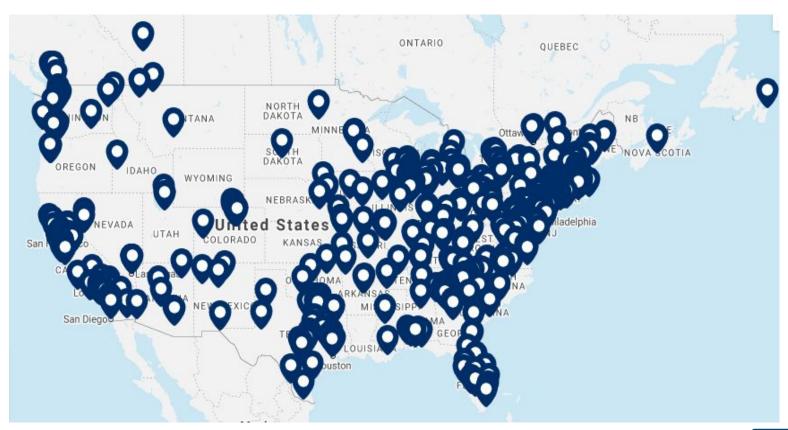
### **How One Warm Coat Works**





# **One Warm Coat's Network of Agency Partners**

OWC is proud to partner with nearly 1,200 organizations & schools located in communities across all 50 states and Canada





#### You're an Official Partner! Now what?

- 1. Check the Nonprofit Locator Map to make sure your organization information is correct
- 2. Follow OWC on social media 📑 💟 📵 🕡









3. Check out all of the <u>free resources</u> available to you on our website

4. Add the Official Nonprofit Partner seal to your website



#### **How To Receive Coats**

# There are 4 main ways to receive coats through One Warm Coat's programs:

- Hold Your Own Coat Drive
- 2. Local Volunteer Ambassador Coat Drives
- 3. Local Retail Coat Drives
- 4. Bulk Coat Donations





#### 1. Hold Your Own Coat Drive

- Register with One Warm Coat to hold a coat drive. It's easy and free!
- Collect coats from members of your community to distribute directly to your clients
- Receive a welcome email with a link to your personal coat drive webpage
- Share your webpage with volunteers and supporters through email and social media to promote your need for coats

Please note: All funds collected through your personal coat drive webpage stay with One Warm Coat and benefit the Coat Drive Program

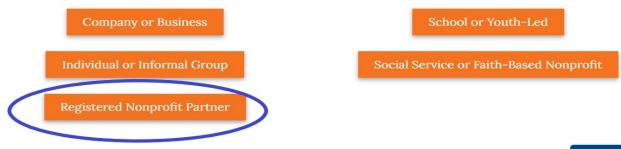


# **How to Register a Coat Drive**

### Visit onewarmcoat.org



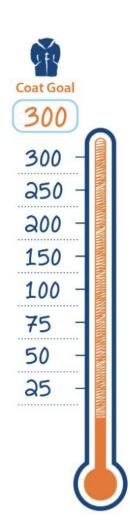
Please choose the title that best describes the host of your coat drive:





# **Ideas For Promoting Your Coat Drive & Need**

- Set a goal for number of coats needed
- Consider organizing an event. (A drive-thru event, part of a canned food collection, etc.)
- Ask staff, Board Members, and key volunteers to share coat drive info on their social media outlets
- Send out a press release to local media (provided in OWC's tools and resources)





### **Engage Your Board Members and Volunteers**

Ideas to Utilize Your Volunteers







#### Before the Drive

#### During the Drive

#### After the Drive

- Set up coat drive collection area – signage, bins, other materials
- Organize webpage to communicate goals, encourage coat donations, and track progress

- Empty collection bins and store coats
- Share peer-to-peer page with employees, family, and friends
- Create pocket notes to insert words of encouragement into each coat

- Sort, count and bag/box coats
- Oversee coat quality and ensure coats are suitable for donation
- Coordinate coat distribution

#### 2. Local Volunteer Ambassador Coat Drives

- Volunteer Ambassadors are individuals or organizations who hold local coat drives across the country
- Ambassadors use the <u>Nonprofit Locator Map</u> to find local agencies who need coats
- Tips for receiving coats:
   Respond ASAP when an Ambassador contacts you AND be willing to send a staff member or volunteer to pick up donated coats





#### 3. Local Retail Coat Drives



- Large national retailers hold coat drives in stores across the country
- OWC matches local retail stores with partner agencies nearby
- Agencies <u>must be able</u> to pick up donated coats throughout the drive



#### 4. Bulk Coat Donations

- Retailers and manufacturers donate samples, overstock and irregular coats and other outerwear
- Your organization may be asked to pick up donations from a warehouse in your area
- On rare occasions, a bulk coat donor will ship coats directly to your agency
- In order to receive a bulk donation, you must sign a contract that you will provide pictures and acknowledgements







# My organization received coats! Now what?



# Videos



Stephen, who is a senior in high school, has been holding coat drives and sharing warmth in his communit... See More



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s 600 Views



# **One Warm Coat Day – October 7**

# Please help support <u>One Warm Coat Day</u> by posting on social media and tagging OWC

@onewarmcoat #no1cold #onewarmcoat #igavewarmth

# One Warm Coat Day 2021 **Thursday, October 7**

More details will be emailed to you!



A national day of awareness, activation, and support.



Please submit your questions through the question box on your screen.

If we don't get a chance to answer your questions:

- Visit OWC's website for answers to <u>FAQs</u>
- Email Program Director <u>Jen Hanes</u>







# **Thank You**

Thank you for the important work you are doing in your local community. We are proud to be your partner in providing warmth!

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